

January 12, 2018



Lift up your eyes,
and look on the fields:
for they are white
already to harvest.

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Dear Friends, Prayer Warriors, Loved Ones, and Supporting Churches:

We praise God for your faithful prayers and support that you gave for us during the past year. They have been a tremendous blessing for us and for Aomori Megumi (Grace) Baptist Church. **Because of your prayers we saw two precious souls saved in 2017. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**



Preparations for the Christmas events and celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ kept us extremely busy. We designed and passed out 13,000 fliers for the Christmas Concert, December 9. The fliers also had an invitation to our cookie party, December 16, and the Christmas Eve worship service Sunday morning, December 24.

We had Sarah Katsuki return from last year to play her clarinet for the Christmas Concert. We had twenty-nine attend. At least four came from the fliers. Two of the attendees promised to attend the cookie party and Christmas service. Bro. Johnson gave a clear presentation of the Gospel and the reason for Christmas.

For the cookie party, there were forty-four who came to make cookies and hear the real reason for Christmas. Seventeen were foreign college students from Asian countries. There were also several people who came to help that had not been to church for several years. Seeing people renew their interest in church was a wonderful blessing. Having that many people come encouraged us and the church members.

The Christmas service was the highlight of the entire year. We had twenty-eight; seven of these were first-time visitors (two men and also a family of five). After the worship service, we enjoyed a meal of turkey and all the trimmings. For many, that was their first time to eat turkey. The important part of the day was the Bread of Life and the Gospel seeds being sown.

Our theme for 2018 is Hope from Galatians 6:9. Hope for a harvest and hope of spiritual growth. **Pray that seeds will come to fruition. Pray for spiritual growth.**

One of the men who came to the Christmas service returned this week for Sunday worship. **Pray that he will continue to attend. Pray that the others will return. Pray that there will be fruit.**

In your service for HIS Service

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